

mond, Va. The pastor and the people are very happy in their new relationship and begin their work together under the most auspicious circumstances.

**Donaldsonville:** The church here is thriving nicely under the care of our very efficient pastor, Dr. Togartie. We also have a good and thriving Foreign Missionary society and trust the work of the church will be greatly improved from now on.

**Rock Spring:** Three were received into the church Sunday by examination. Several improvements have recently been made on the church, four new Sunday school rooms, and a vestibule built, the church all newly calcimined. This adds much to the efficiency of our plant for Sunday school purposes. And one good thing about it is, it has all been paid for by our own people, and without lessening our gifts to benevolences.

**Dublin:** At a meeting of the congregation of the Henry Memorial church held Sunday morning, Nov. 28, and moderated by Rev. R. E. Douglas of Macon, a hearty and unanimous call was extended Rev. C. M. Chumbley, of East Hanover Presbytery. Mr. Chumbley is now in the field and has the call under consideration.

#### KENTUCKY.

**Elizabethtown:** The church here has had the privilege of hearing its former pastor, Rev. Geo. F. Robertson, now of North Carolina. He has been assisting the present pastor, Rev. L. O. Spencer.

**Henderson:** The Second Presbyterian church, of which Rev. Llewellyn Humphreys is pastor, rejoices in the tokens of God's manifest blessing. During the month of November seven have united with the church. Three by letter and four on profession of faith in Jesus Christ. Unto God be all the praise.

#### LOUISIANA.

**Arcadia:** Rev. W. A. Rolle, the pastor of the Presbyterian church, was injured, though not seriously, in a wreck a few days ago, on the Louisiana and Northwestern railroad, near Gibsland.

**New Orleans:** The Napoleon Avenue church, in a congregational meeting held on November 28, presided over by Dr. W. McF. Alexander, agreed to concur with its pastor, Rev. H. W. Burwell, in an application to the Presbytery of New Orleans to dissolve the pastoral relation between itself and Mr. Burwell, that the latter might accept a call to the First church, Paducah, Ky. The congregation agreed to do this only on the urgent request of its pastor, and adopted resolutions expressing its extreme reluctance and great regret, and testifying to its affection for Mr. Burwell and appreciation of his earnest and effective work during the five years of his pastorate.

**—First Church:** On the evening of Nov. 28, in the presence of a very large congregation and with interesting services, Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cornelson, Jr., was installed as pastor of First Church. All the members of the commission appointed by the Presbytery were present, including Mr. F. E. Guedry, ruling elder of the Memorial church. The sermon was preach-

by Dr. W. McF. Alexander, who presided, from the text, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." The charge to the pastor was delivered by Dr. George Summey, and the charge to the people by Rev. Jno. W. Caldwell, Jr. The sermon of Dr. Alexander was a most notable and vigorous one on the subject of the cross of Christ as the great central theme of the pulpit. The following quotations from it indicate its character: "The cross always has been, is today, and always will be, the heart and center of Christianity. The world is tired of practical preaching, of political preaching, and during the next fifty years doctrinal preaching will sweep the land. Men are crying for Christ, are hungry for the Gospel. Let us give them Christ and him crucified. The Church has neglected the great central theme of Christianity, the cross, for the past fifty years and as a result, the world has questioned the Church. This is but natural, for just so long as Protestantism keeps the cross of Christ as the central figure so long will it prosper. The Bible refuses to set Christ in the light of a great teacher, of a great reformer or a great philanthropist, although he was all these, but insists on setting him in the light of a great Redeemer, the Redeemer of the world. Various interpretations by mankind have placed him in one light and then another, but interpretations do not alter the fact. Christ, the center of Christianity, stands as the great Redeemer of his people."

**New Orleans Presbytery** met in the First Church, in adjourned session, on December 2. Nine ministers and seven ruling elders were enrolled. The call of the Third Church was placed in Dr. Summey's hands and arrangements made for his installation. The call of the First Church, Paducah, Ky., for the pastoral services of Rev. H. W. Burwell was placed in his hands, and on Mr. Burwell's acceptance of the same and asking the dissolution of his relation to the Napoleon Avenue Church, the congregation concurring most reluctantly in the same, the present relation was dissolved, to take effect January 1, 1910, and Mr. Burwell was dismissed to the Presbytery of Paducah, his dismissal to take effect at the same time. Rev. Jacob Meier was dismissed to the South Classis of Long Island, Reformed Church of America. The Commissions appointed to install Rev. Dr. Geo. H. Cornelson, Jr., as pastor of the First Church, and Rev. J. N. Blackburn, as pastor of the Houma Church, reported their duties performed according to the arrangements provided by the Presbytery. Candidate Andrew Csontos, the supply of the Hungarian Church, was placed under the care of Rev. Louis Voss for his theological studies.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

**Presbytery of Mississippi:** The constitutional requirements having been met, I hereby call a meeting of the Presbytery of Mississippi, to be held in the Presbyterian Church of Brookhaven, Tuesday, December 14, at 11:30 a. m., to

transact the following business. To dissolve the pastoral relation now existing between Rev. W. E. Phifer and the Brookhaven Church, and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Western District, if the way be clear.

R. L. Walkup, Mod.

**Port Gibson:** Rev. R. L. Benn has been received from the Presbytery of the Western District into the Presbytery of Mississippi. A call from the Port Gibson church was placed in his hands and accepted. A commission composed of Rev. Dr. C. W. Grafton, Rev. H. H. Brownlee and Ruling Elder John Frierson was appointed to install him pastor.

**Brookhaven:** Rev. W. E. Phifer, of this place, has received a unanimous call to the Presbyterian church of Brownsville, Tenn. He has signified his willingness to accept, and the Presbytery of Mississippi is called to meet in Brookhaven, Dec. 14, 1909, to hear his request for a dissolution of the pastoral relation existing between him and the Brookhaven church.

S. C. Caldwell, S. C.

#### MISSOURI.

**St. Louis:** The Presbytery of St. Louis has refused to dissolve the pastoral relation between the Brank Memorial Church and Rev. R. S. Brank, who was recently called by the Ghent Church, Norfolk, Va.

**Farmington:** The simultaneous meetings which have been held in this place during the past fifteen days closed on Sunday night, the 28th inst., with very satisfactory results. Five churches co-operated in this movement, namely: the Baptist, M. E., Christian, M. E. South, and Presbyterian. At 3 p. m. each day a meeting for conference and prayer, attended by all, was held in one of the churches, and so arranged that by rotation each church was occupied. At night each pastor preached in his own church. Many cottage or group prayer meetings, attended by the women, were held in different parts of the town each morning. A great interest in these services pervaded the entire community, as was evinced by the large attendance on them. Christians were strengthened and encouraged and labored together with great harmony and zeal. The impenitent were arrested and constrained to reflect on the sin and danger of unbelief. Fifty-five yielded to the Saviour's call and confessed him by uniting with the several churches, of whom sixteen were received into the Presbyterian Church; previously as a result of the usual services, twenty-two were added to this church, making a total of thirty-eight since the first of last March. Likewise, all of these churches have been strengthened in numbers and graces, through the labors of their faithful pastors.

We render thanks to God and consecrate ourselves anew to his privileged service. We are much pleased with this mode of conducting evangelistic services, and commend it to the consideration of

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